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From the Desk of Jin Ming

Dear families in Christ,

Spring is finally here! As we enjoy the beauty of the spring, summer will arrive quickly.



*This year our Greater Northwest Conference, made up of United Methodist churches in the states of Washington, Oregon, Alaska and Idaho, will meet in its annual conference from the evening of Wednesday, June 6 through noon Sunday, on June 9. Our Lay delegate Carmen McFadyen and I will attend it in Puyallup, Washington. Together, we will continue to explore our quadrennial theme, "**Do this and you will live!**"*

*Lay and clergy members from across the region will explore what it means to love God with our whole **HEART, SOUL, STRENGTH AND MIND**, and **NEIGHBOR** as we love our **SELVES**. We'll dig deeper into our four-year theme and scripture, Luke 10:25-28. And we'll search for answers to the questions:*

- What did General Conference decide?*
- What difference does it make?*
- How will the Pacific Northwest Conference serve God in the future in light of these actions?*

*"Come, ye that love the Lord, and let your joys be known....
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God."*

Pastor Jin Ming



May - August Scripture Readings

May 5th: Acts 9:1-6; Ps. 30 (UMH 762); Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

May 12th: Acts 9:36-43; Ps. 23 (UMH 754); Rev. 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

May 19th: Acts 11:1-18; Ps. 148 (UMH 861); Rev. 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

May 26th: Acts 16:9-15; Ps. 67 (UMH 791); Rev. 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

June 2nd: Acts 16:16-34; Ps. 97 (UMH 816); Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21;
John 17: 20-26

June 9th: Acts 2: 1-21; Ps 104 (UMH 826); Rom. 8:14-17; John 14:8-17

June 16th: Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31; Ps. 8 (UMH 743); Rom. 5:15; John 16:12-15

June 23rd: 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Ps. 42 (UMH777); Gal. 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

June 30th: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Ps. 77 (UMH 798); Gal. 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

July 7th: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Ps. 30 (UMH 762); Gal. 6 (1-6) 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 14th: Amos 7:7-17; Ps. 82 (UMH 804); Col. 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 21st: Amos 8:1-12; Ps. 52 (UMH 808); Col. 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 28th: Hos. 1:2-10; Ps. 85 (UMH 806); Col. 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

August 4th: Hos. 11:1-11; Ps. 107 (UMH 830); Col. 3:1-11; Luke 12: 13-21

August 11th: Isa. 1:1, 10-20; Ps. 50 (UMH 783); Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

August 18th: Isa. 5:1-7; Ps. 80 (UMH 801); Heb. 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

August 25th: Jer. 1:4-10; Ps. 71 (UMH 794); Heb. 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17



Contemplative Prayer Group Schedule Change

The contemplative prayer group will meet on 16 at 10 AM in the CUMC library. They will meet again on September 19. Please contact Debbie Raymond at dlrymond@aol.com to discuss possible day and time to meet.

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***Our Annual Salad Luncheon, hosted by our UMW Executive Committee, is at Noon on May 14<sup>th</sup> in the CUMC Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Sandy Moore, a retired Coupeville HS English teacher who will speak on early women's clothing on Whidbey Island.***

# **Birthdays!**

## May

2<sup>nd</sup> Craig Anderson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Marjorie Arnberg 4<sup>th</sup> Lidabeth Hicks  
5<sup>th</sup> Steve Hutchinson 9<sup>th</sup> Alice Raymond  
11<sup>th</sup> Dana Stone  
13<sup>th</sup> Baert Simmons  
15<sup>th</sup> Dick Barker and Cheryl Engle  
22<sup>nd</sup> Brett Rebeschke-Smith  
23<sup>rd</sup> Don Richardson and Nancy Wilson  
24<sup>th</sup> Stan Anderson 26<sup>th</sup> Jack Arnberg  
28<sup>th</sup> Gene Clark, Suzanne Wallis and Michaela Root

## June

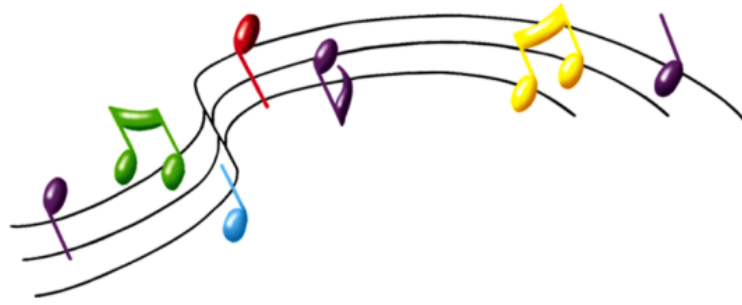
6<sup>th</sup> Jude Barker  
11<sup>th</sup> Brenda Simmons and Darlene Sherman  
12<sup>th</sup> John Waide 15<sup>th</sup> Bethany Palo  
22<sup>nd</sup> Connie Pullen  
24<sup>th</sup> Dick Graham 26<sup>th</sup> Vin Sherman  
29<sup>th</sup> Alana Hutchinson  
30<sup>th</sup> Doug Smith

## July

12<sup>th</sup> Pat Kohlmann & Marjorie Cole  
14<sup>th</sup> Eric Mitten  
17<sup>th</sup> Clynton Easley  
20<sup>th</sup> Joe Hillers 23<sup>rd</sup> Teresa Ellis  
29<sup>th</sup> Jodi Burcham

## August

8<sup>th</sup> David Barville & John White  
11<sup>th</sup> Kathy Harada 12<sup>th</sup> Judy Walker  
14<sup>th</sup> Gail Rebeschke-Smith 16<sup>th</sup> Clarence Hein  
18<sup>th</sup> Doreen Lambert 24<sup>th</sup> Robin Hertlein  
25<sup>th</sup> Kristy Anderson



## ***Let Us Sing a Joyful Noise to the Lord!***

*Both the Handbell Ensemble and the Sanctuary Choir have worked very hard this year and are now ready for a well-deserved summer break. During June through August, members of the congregation are invited to bless our weekly worship services with musical talent such as solos or small ensembles, vocal or instrumental.*

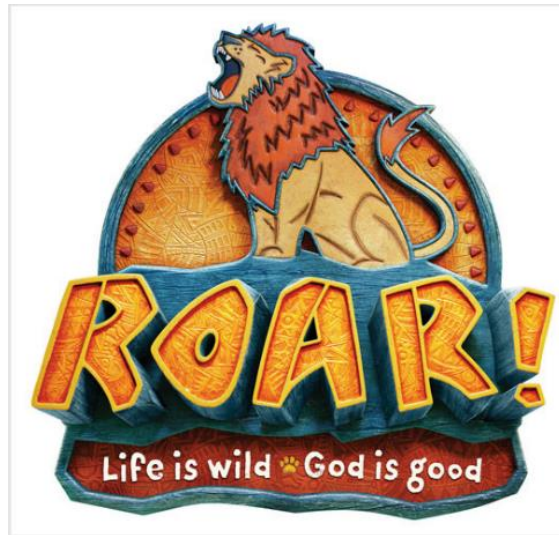
*Please prayerfully consider this opportunity for service and contact Teresa Ellis at 360-682-5060 or [tomteresa89@gmail.com](mailto:tomteresa89@gmail.com).*

*Fall rehearsal times will be shared at a later date.*



## ***June Administrative Council Meeting***

***There will be a meeting of the CUMC Administrative Council on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM in the church library.***



## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**COUPEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JULY 8-12**

**9:30 - NOON**

**AGES: 4 YEARS – 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE**

*Get ready for an African adventure coming to CUMC this July! Life is sometimes wild, but God is always good! Our Vacation Bible School program this year is Roar; where kids discover a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.*

*We would love it if all our CUMC youth could attend VBS this year. It is scheduled for July 8-12. Suzanne has sent each family a form to fill out saying you'll attend. We need these as soon as possible so as we can have an official VBS count, it would be appreciated if even those unable to attend could send Suzanne an email letting us know that for certain as well.*

*Emily Cavell is the VBS director this year and is looking for adult (or teen) volunteers to help make the week of ROAR a success. Please email her at [cavell.emily@gmail.com](mailto:cavell.emily@gmail.com) if you'd like to help this year.*

*We look forward to all that will be joining us for a week of Vacation Bible School.*

*Register online at [www.coupevilleumc.org](http://www.coupevilleumc.org). Click on the Info Center tab, then submit the form!*



COUPEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Strawberry Social



\$7 whole order  
\$5 half order

10-2 🍓 Sat., June 29<sup>th</sup>

Strawberry Waffle, Shortcake or Sundae  
Beverage Included • Takeout Available

Proceeds support mission work 608 North Main Street

## ***2019 CUMC Strawberry Social on June 29<sup>th</sup>!***

### ***The Legend of Flora P. Engle and the Strawberry Social***

*~~In 1866, Flora Pearson Engle boarded the steamship Continental in New York harbor bound for the Pacific Northwest. Flora was 16 years old and part of the “second wave”, along with her Mother and brother, of Asa Mercer’s attempt to bring eligible young women to Seattle. After a harrowing trip through the Strait of Magellan and up the West Coast, Flora’s Mother found her way to Whidbey Island, there to be reunited with her husband, Daniel. The family would be the second Keepers of the Red Bluff Lighthouse at Admiralty Head.*

*~~Flora found Whidbey Island to be an enchanting place. She recalled her mother saying it was just one step away from heaven itself. Flora quickly became a daughter of the West. She took over duties at the Lighthouse for her father when his health failed. She gardened, rode a pony to neighboring homes to give music lessons and became the first organist for the Methodist Episcopal Church. She became a charter member of the WCTU (Women’s Christian Temperance Union). All of this and more at a time when washing machines were unknown, there was no running water, no electricity, no meat market and all sewing was done by hand. She also kept a diary and wrote poetry.*

*~~And when the Methodist Church burned down in 1893, it was Flora who stood at the vanguard of rebuilding.*

*Part of the picture was **strawberries.***



*Flora and other members of the WCTU organized a Strawberry Festival as a way to help supply funds for the new church. As history has revealed, Flora was a “doer.”*

*The work continues.*

*~~This year on Saturday, June 29 from 10:00 to 2:00 pm, the Coupeville United Methodist Church will once again engage with tradition and hold its Strawberry Social in the Fellowship Hall. The proceeds will provide continuing support for an African orphanage and will help a medical missionary pilot in Nepal who ferries extremely ill people out of the more remote areas of the Congo to a hospital. We will also contribute to the Methodist Border Mission Network, which provides shelter and care along the Mexican border. Additionally, we contribute to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) who are first in and last out to help people like the immigrants seeking asylum who are trapped at the Southern US Border.*

*~~We hope you will come and enjoy strawberries on gluten free or regular shortcake, waffles or ice cream; your choice for \$7.00 (or \$5.00 for a half-order). It’s always more fun to eat strawberries with your friends and neighbors. That’s why we call it a “social.” We want to honor the tradition of laughter and good times with friends and the fun of eating fresh strawberries just like they did in 1893, AND continue the legacy of Flora P. Engle in service to others and building a strong community. See you there!*

*~~**The CUMC Mission Committee***